

# Claims

- [c1] A method for managing the annotation of a document comprising:
- obtaining an original document;
  - making an original electronic version of the document available to an annotation manager system;
  - associating the original electronic version of the document with digital paper;
  - printing a plurality of hardcopies of the original electronic version of the document on the associated digital paper;
  - distributing the hardcopies to a plurality of team members;
  - receiving a plurality of annotations from the team members;
  - associating each annotation with a location in the original electronic version of the document; and
  - creating a new annotated version of the original electronic version of the document incorporating the annotations.
- [c2] The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- incorporating annotation metadata into the new anno-

tated version.

- [c3] The method of claim 2, wherein, the metadata includes a time and date associated with each annotation.
- [c4] The method of claim 3, wherein, the metadata includes a user identification for each annotation.
- [c5] The method of claim 1, further including: anchoring at least one of the annotations to a paragraph of the original electronic version of the document.
- [c6] The method of claim 1, further including: anchoring at least one of the annotations to a paragraph of the original electronic version of the document.
- [c7] The method of claim 1, further comprising: parsing the annotations for at least one editing commands.
- [c8] The method of claim 7, further including: determining an authorization level for the at least one editing command; and if the authorization level for the at least one editing command is below an authorization threshold, converting the at least one editing command into an annotation.

- [c9] The method of claim 7, wherein,  
the at least one editing command is a plurality of editing  
commands; and  
further including:  
prioritizing the editing commands.
- [c10] The method of claim 8, further including:  
converting nonpriority editing commands into annotations.
- [c11] The method of claim 1, wherein,  
the associating the original electronic version of the document with digital paper further comprises scanning a digital pattern on the digital paper before printing a plurality of hardcopies.
- [c12] The method of claim 2, further comprising:  
comparing the annotation time metadata against a reviewer profile.
- [c13] A system for managing the annotation of a document comprising:  
means for obtaining an original document;  
means for making an original electronic version of the document available to an annotation manager system;  
means for associating the original electronic version of the document with digital paper;

means for printing a plurality of hardcopies of the original electronic version of the document on the associated digital paper;

means for distributing the hardcopies to a plurality of team members;

means for receiving a plurality of annotations from the team members;

means for associating each annotation with a location in the original electronic version of the document; and

means for creating a new annotated version of the original electronic version of the document incorporating the annotations.

[c14] The system of claim 13, further comprising:  
means for incorporating annotation metadata into the new annotated version.

[c15] The system of claim 14, wherein,  
the metadata includes a time and date associated with each annotation.

[c16] The system of claim 15, wherein,  
the metadata includes a user identification for each annotation.

[c17] The system of claim 13, further including:  
means for anchoring at least one of the annotations to a

paragraph of the original electronic version of the document.

- [c18] The system of claim 13, further comprising:  
means for parsing the annotations for at least one editing commands.
- [c19] The system of claim 18, further including:  
means for determining an authorization level for the at least one editing command; and  
means for determining if the authorization level for the at least one editing command is below an authorization threshold.
- [c20] The system of claim 19, further including:  
means for converting nonpriority editing commands into annotations.